transmission time depends on availability on manpower, resources and *inter-sepriority* of programme requirement.

Privatisation of Prasar Bharti

1559. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a proposal has been formulated to partially privatise or joint-venturise the operations of the Prasar Bharti;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the six-member Committee appointed to lay down guidelines and a road map to prepare Prasar Bharti to adapt to new technologies and the shift in broadcast paradigms has submitted its report; and

(d) if so, the details of the recomendations made and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) A group of six officers has been constituted by Prasar Bharti to examine the feasibility of privatization/joint venturisation of Metro Channel.

(c) No such committee has been consitituted by Prasar Bharti.

(d) Docs not arise.

Cases investigated by CBI on telecasting of DD programmes

† 1560. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many cases related with the programmes being telecast by Doordarshan arc being investigated by CBI;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.